

ABSTRACT  
(R. Andrews, 11-76)

1-3 North Potomac Street  
Hagerstown  
Washington County, Maryland

erected circa 1820s  
renovated circa 1880s

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

1-3 North Potomac Street

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1-3 North Potomac Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☒ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

The Groh Realty Company

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

151 West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Courthouse

Liber #: 271

Folio #: 186

STREET &amp; NUMBER

95 West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Known as 1-3 North Potomac Street in Hagerstown, Washington County, the building stands on the northwest corner of Public Square.

The building is a three story Neoclassical influenced brick structure which faces on both North Potomac Street (east elevation) and Public Square (south elevation). It has a flatish roof and an Italianate influenced bracketed cornice along the south and east elevations. The first or ground story has modern storefronts (two along Potomac Street and one along Public Square) with the entrance to the upper stories through a doorway located at the western end of the south facade. The second and third stories of the street elevations each have four windows on the east side and five on the south side.

Symmetrically arranged, the upper story windows of the street facades have double-hung, wooden sashes with six-over-six lights, narrow frames, wooden sills, and brick flat arches. The bricks of the second story arches are placed at a sharper angle than those of the third story arches.

The bricks of the street elevation are laid in Flemish bond and are heavily coated with paint. The first and second story bricks are of the larger type commonly used in the Hagerstown area during the 1820s-1830s period. The third story bricks are of the smaller type that appeared in the decades following the Civil War.

As shown in the late 1850s View of Hagerstown, Maryland by Sachse, this building originally was two and a half stories high with a low hip roof on the east end and a gable on the west end. The view also shows a jerkin-head window dormer centered on the south side. The south elevation, however, is shown as having only four instead of five windows, probably a mistake on the part of the artist. The second story street elevations do appear to have the original fenestration arrangements and possibly the original window frames and sashes.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	erected circa 1820s renovated circa 1880s	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The original upper stories of the south or Public Square elevation are shown in the late 1850s View of Hagerstown, Maryland by Sachse. The remodeled building is visible in a late nineteenth century stereographic view of Public Square on file at the Washington County Historical Society.

The present owner acquired the property in 1952.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Sachse, E. View of Hagerstown, Maryland. Baltimore: E. Sachse and Company, late 1850s.

Washington County Historical Society Files, Miller House, Hagerstown, Maryland.

Washington County Land Records, Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

The property measures approximately 37' x 43.6'.

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Preservation Consultant (mbe)

ORGANIZATION

City of Hagerstown

DATE

November 5, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

City Hall

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CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

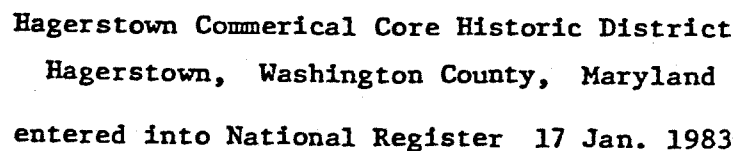
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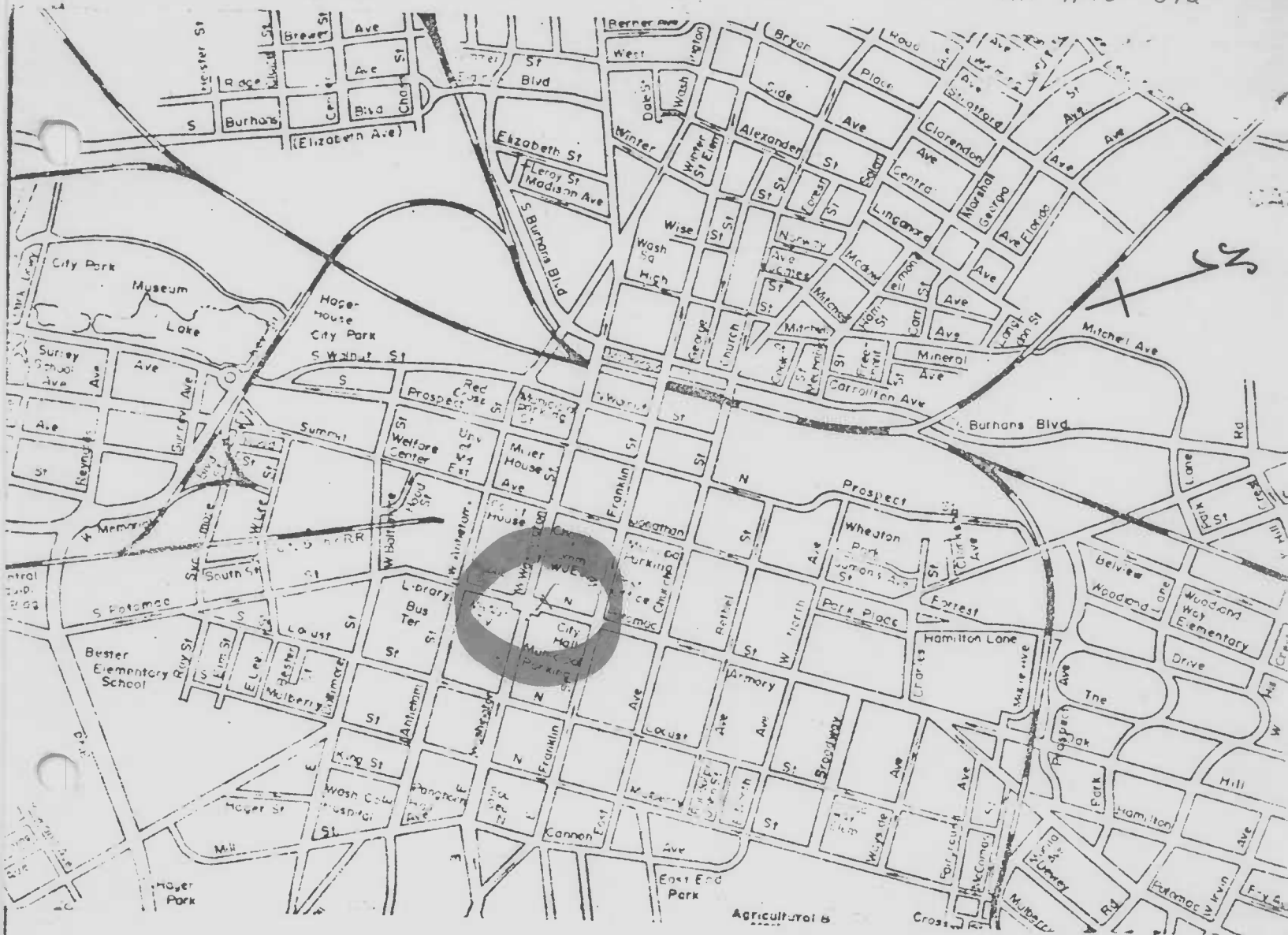
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The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438





SITE: 1-3 North Potomac Street  
Hagerstown  
Washington County, Maryland

map: City of Hagerstown,  
Washington County, Md.  
City Engineering Dept.  
July, 1970  
scale 1"=1200'

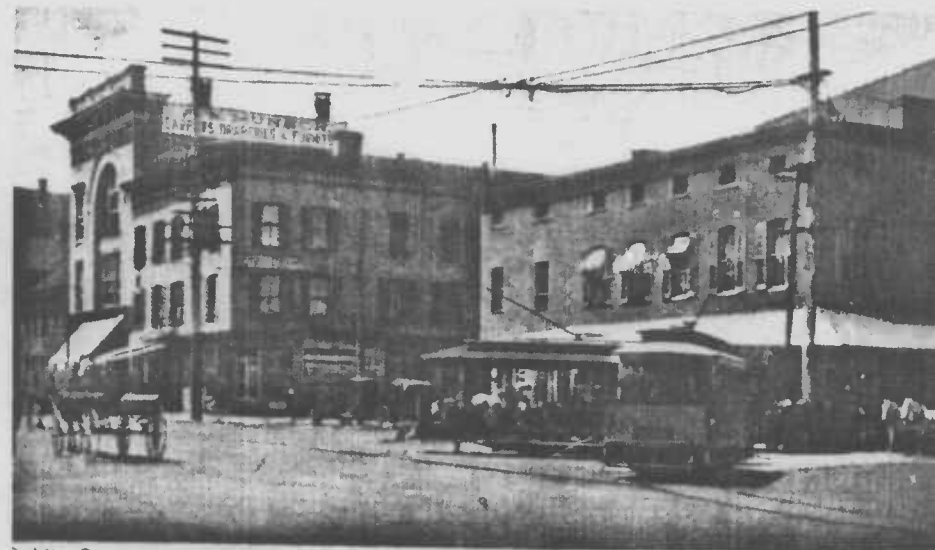
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No. 24.—N. Potomac St., Hagerstown, Md.

G. M. HAYS & SONS

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Commercial Press Printing Co.,  
Cumberland, Maryland.



Public Square, Hagerstown, Md.

*From remin. and Loretta*



Public Square, showing Alexander Hotel and  
Professional Arts Building  
Hagerstown, Md.

1938



W. Washington St., Hagerstown, Md.

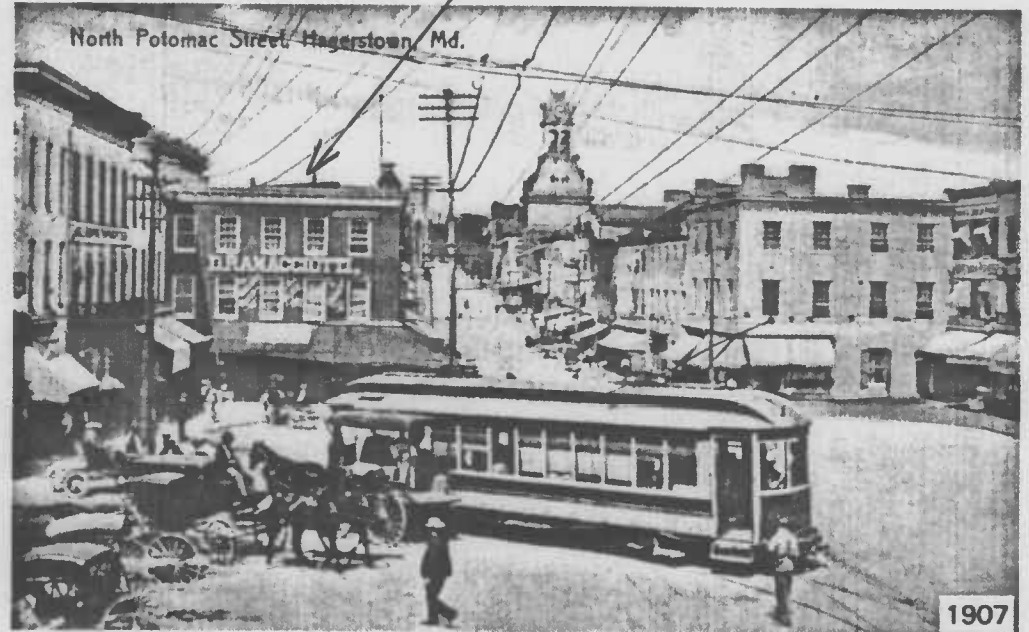


North Potomac Street, looking from  
Public Square, Hagerstown, Md.



1911

North Potomac Street, Hagerstown, Md.



1907



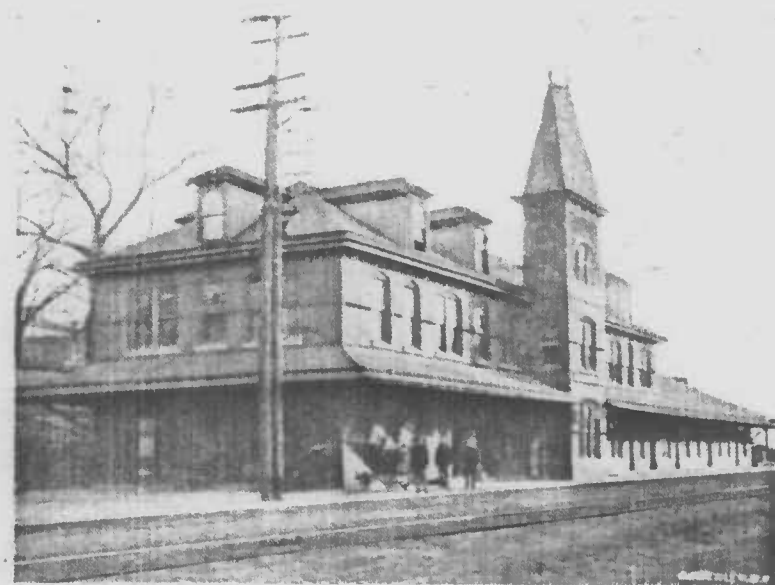
North Potomac St., Hagerstown, Md.

1906

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No. 4—C. V. and N. & W. Station Hagerstown, Md.

R. W. HAYS & SONS

1905

2-17-06.  
Does this  
look fa-  
miliar  
especially  
when you  
go to  
Martinsburg  
E.P.R.



No. 6--Second National Bank, Hagerstown, Md.

R. M. HAVE &amp; SONS

1906

Dear Sir,  
 Please  
 and have  
 coming  
 a letter  
 morning  
 October 9  
 school  
 train  
 Please  
 me this  
 from  
 Anna



1907

Public Square, looking South, Hagerstown, Md. This is a nice town  
 and they may eat here it am not certain yet,  
 At the best wishes to you from Gust.



1906

W. Washington Street, Hagerstown, Md.  
 I am going to write a letter soon, and will then tell you  
 about how I spent the day on Thursday when  
 is around. Was very tired when I reached home. Emma  
 Feldstein, Albert L.

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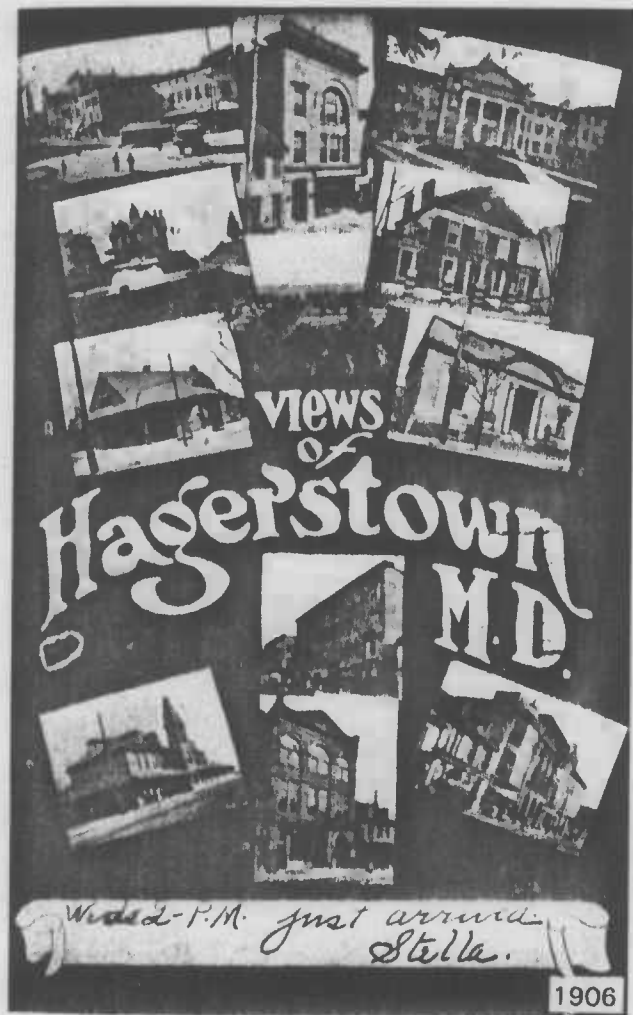


1907

North Potomac St. Hagerstown, Md.

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S. PATOMAC ST., HAGERSTOWN, MD

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N. Potomac Street, Hagerstown, Md.

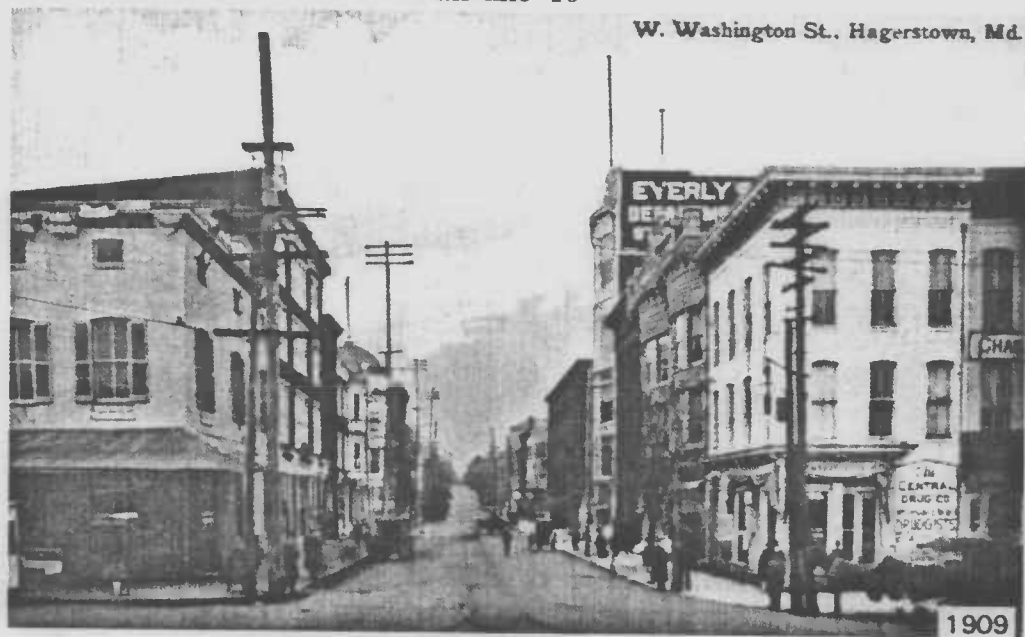
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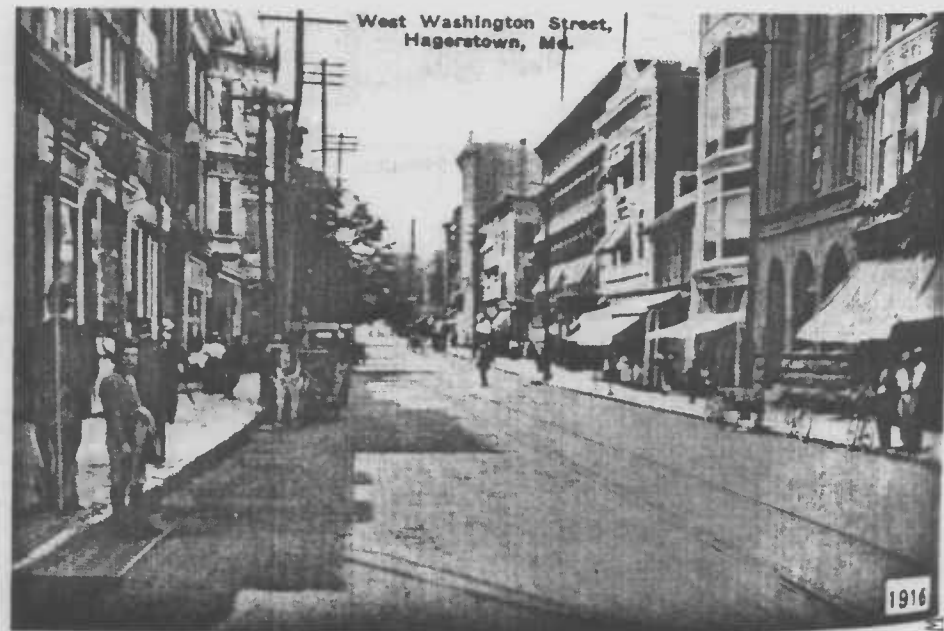




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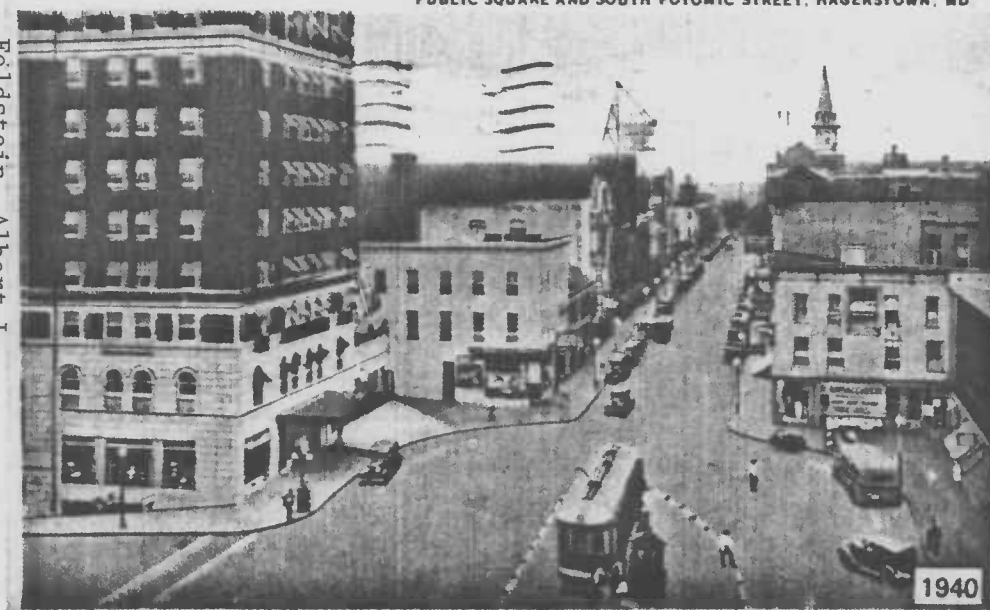
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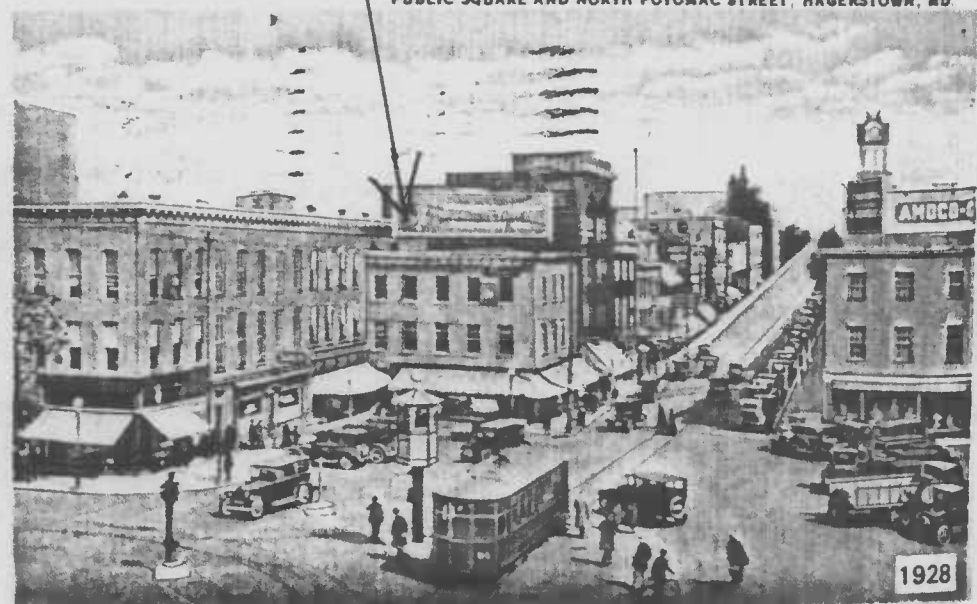
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PUBLIC SQUARE AND SOUTH POTOMIC STREET, HAGERSTOWN, MD



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PUBLIC SQUARE AND NORTH POTOMAC STREET, HAGERSTOWN, MD



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SOUTH POTOMAC STREET, LOOKING TOWARDS SQUARE, HAGERSTOWN, MD.



1-3 North Potomac Street  
Hagerstown  
Washington Co, Md.

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